

HITCHCOCK QUILTS TO RELIEVE TAFT

Declines Chairmanship When Party Strife Begins.

NOT OPPOSED BY A. I. VORYS

Washington Man Gets Out of Race Because Members of the Committee Do Not Act in Harmony—Refuses Also to Serve as Manager of New York Headquarters.

New York, June 20.—The Sun publishes the following from its correspondent in Chicago:

Frank H. Hitchcock's refusal to be a candidate for the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee was the outcome of the conditions which Mr. Hitchcock declined to tolerate.

While Mr. Hitchcock, who is still here, would not make any statement on the subject, his reasons for throwing aside the opportunity of managing the campaign of the man whose nomination was due mainly to his efforts, are well understood by his friends. They declare that outside of every other consideration, Mr. Hitchcock withdrew from the contest to show that his ante-convention work in Mr. Taft's behalf had been entirely unselfish, and that having accomplished Mr. Taft's nomination, he looked for no reward and was willing to demonstrate the fact by leaving Mr. Taft free to choose some other campaign manager.

The real fight against Mr. Hitchcock was begun shortly after he came here to attend the meeting of the Republican national convention.

Vorys Not in Opposition. Arthur I. Vorys, Mr. Taft's Ohio manager, was not a party to the opposition to Mr. Hitchcock, it is declared.

Walter Brown, chairman of the Ohio Republican State committee, and Walter D. Guilbert, auditor of the State of Ohio, are said to have been mainly instrumental in making the fight to get Mr. Hitchcock's scalp. According to what is told here by politicians who know the story, there was much alarm among William H. Taft's friends in Ohio when it became evident that Mr. Hitchcock was the dominating factor in the Taft campaign for the nomination, and that the Ohio contingent would have to play second fiddle or perhaps not be permitted to play at all with Mr. Hitchcock in charge of the Presidential campaign.

Two or three days ago Brown and Guilbert, it is being told, went to Charles P. Taft, here in Chicago, and informed him that there was great dissatisfaction over the prospect that Mr. Hitchcock would be made national chairman.

Cincinnati Paper for Him. Just prior to that, Charles P. Taft's newspaper had printed a rather definite statement that Mr. Hitchcock would manage William H. Taft's campaign, and it was made known to Charles P. Taft that if the statement was not withdrawn, there would be trouble in the Ohio delegation. In fact, Mr. Taft was told that the Ohio delegates were so opposed to Mr. Hitchcock's selection as manager of the national campaign that they might stampede to Roosevelt if assurances were not given that Hitchcock would not get first place.

How much of this story was told by Charles P. Taft to Mr. Hitchcock is not disclosed, but at any rate, Mr. Taft on Thursday night suggested to Mr. Hitchcock that it would save considerable embarrassment in the campaign if Mr. Hitchcock would be asked to become the campaign manager in Chicago, and this would leave the matter of the selection of another man for chairman of the national committee.

Mr. Hitchcock declined to accept this suggestion, although he did not indicate that he would insist on being national chairman. Last night, just before Charles P. Taft started for Cincinnati with the subcommittee of the national committee he had a talk with Mr. Hitchcock, in which he is credited with having said that Mr. Hitchcock's refusal to be manager of the New York headquarters was very embarrassing and he hoped Mr. Hitchcock would reconsider.

Hitchcock Withdraws. Thereupon Mr. Hitchcock explained that he was not a candidate for the national chairmanship and that he had no selfish desire to obtain preferment at the hands of Mr. Taft, or words to that effect. To show that what he said was meant in good faith, Mr. Hitchcock declined then and there to be a candidate for the national chairmanship.

Mr. Hitchcock's friends are saying to-night that all along he has not put himself in the position of claiming that the national chairmanship was his by right if he accomplished the nomination of Mr. Taft. They declare that he had entered into the work of having Mr. Taft chosen the Republican standard bearer with that object alone in view and with no selfish expectation of reward. They think he made a mistake, however, in taking himself out of the contest, not only in view of the fact that thirty or more members, constituting a majority of the national committee, had signed a request that he be made chairman, but that he owed it to those who worked with him in the ante-convention fight to insist on retaining the management of Mr. Taft's political fortunes until the November election.

Hitchcock Is Sore. It is understood from those intimates who have talked with Mr. Hitchcock to-day that he is feeling very sore over the knowledge that his actions have disappointed those who stuck by him in the battle to bring about Mr. Taft's nomination. They are asserting that in his desire to do an unselfish thing that would relieve Mr. Taft of any embarrassment in the selection of his campaign manager, he did not think that he was disarranging the plans of his assistants.

There is no doubt that he feels very badly over this phase of the situation, and might have taken a different course if the matter had been placed before him in that light prior to his withdrawal from the contest.

It was said by one of Mr. Hitchcock's friends that Mr. Hitchcock was played out physically and mentally when the suggestions which he regarded as authoritative began to come to him that it would be better for all concerned if he and Mr. Vorys would accept vice chairmanships on the national committee. Since he came to Chicago, three weeks ago, Mr. Hitchcock has averaged only two hours' sleep in every twenty-four hours. He did not go to bed at all on Thursday night. He is completely worn out and so extremely nervous that he cannot sleep.

Friends Enter Protest. Since the news reached here from Cincinnati that he had declined to allow his name to be considered for the national chairmanship, many of his friends, including members of the national committee,

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tee, have gone to him to protest, and concern over the disarrangement which his withdrawal has made in the plans of some of these has aggravated his physical and mental condition.

At least four of the members of the subcommittee of the national committee who went from Chicago last night to meet William H. Taft in Cincinnati seemed to think that Hitchcock would not be national chairman. The belief among them was that either ex-Gov. Herrick, of Ohio; Senator W. Murray Crane, of Massachusetts; or Postmaster General Meyer, who is from Massachusetts, would be chosen. Mr. Herrick is said not to be anxious to have charge of the campaign, and Senator Crane has all but positively declined.

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a treasurer of the national committee. After having been in session for two and a half hours, the subcommittee adjourned until July 1.

Committees Give Reasons. This startling word was given out: "Hitchcock declines it."

And this was followed by a written statement, in which were given the reasons of the subcommittee for not reaching a decision. The session of the committee was executive, and nothing of what occurred in the session room was made public.

When the session began, at 11 o'clock, Attorney General Wade H. Ellis, State Auditor W. D. Guilbert, and Walter F. Brown, chairman of the Ohio Republican central committee, went before the committee to present the name of Arthur I. Vorys for the national chairmanship.

The formal statement given out by the subcommittee reads: "Yesterday, the national committee, in session at Chicago, delegated to a subcommittee, consisting of eight members, the power to act in the matter of the selection of a chairman and treasurer of the national committee, and directs its subcommittee to confer with the nominees for President and Vice President before taking action."

All Members Represented. "All the members of the subcommittee were present at the conference to-day with the nominees except W. L. Ward, of New York, who was represented by Mr. Hart, of Iowa. The conference of the subcommittee showed harmony as to the qualifications necessary for a chairman, but disclosed an indisposition on the part of several, who were suggested as available to accept the place, including Mr. Hitchcock, who declined on account of his health."

"After a full conference the committee decided that the matter was of such importance and required such consultation with various persons, suggested as available for the place, that an adjournment was taken until July 1, when the committee will reconvene in Washington. The committee delegated the Hon. Myron T. Herrick to make public the statement. The proceedings of the conference with this exception were executive."

The subcommittee adjourned at 1:30 o'clock, and were entertained at luncheon at the Taft home to-night. Secretary Taft was apparently in one of his jolliest moods when he received the newspaper men at the residence of his brother after his luncheon. His running mate, Mr. Sherman, was a guest also, and was introduced by the Secretary and his brother to most of the newspaper men.

Secretary Taft's "ha-ha" and "ho-ho" rang out at brief intervals. When asked directly if he had anything to say about the proceedings of the subcommittee conference, he said: "Without going into details and personalities, I think the statement issued covers the conference quite fully."

Secretary Taft said he would leave Cincinnati to-morrow afternoon for New Haven. "I do not care to say just at what time or over what road," said he, smiling, "as I do not want to make any car platform speeches."

Talks of Elephants. "Last night," he continued, "when at Cumberland, I was met by a crowd with three elephants. They called the elephants the subcommittee."

"As Tuesday is class day at Yale," he went on, "and Wednesday is commencement day, we hope to have present at the reunion a great majority of the graduates of the class of '78. I do not know as yet, but I want to go to the boat race if I can. I shall stay principally in Washington until June 30, with perhaps one visit to Oyster Bay with my successor, Gen. Wright."

"I shall probably spend part of the summer at Hot Springs, Va. That resort is about equally convenient to the East and to Cincinnati."

Will Be Here July 1. "Yes, I shall be in Washington when the subcommittee meets again, July 1."

In answer to a question, Secretary Taft said he did not know whether he would make any speeches during the campaign. "This being my first campaign of the kind," he explained with a laugh, "I do not want to make or announce any plans before I have had the advice of experienced persons."

The Secretary said he did not know just when he would be formally notified of his nomination, but believed it was rather customary to go through with that proceeding about ten days after the convention.

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ROOSEVELT HOME AT OYSTER BAY

President Gets Royal Reception from Citizens.

HAND CAR HALTS HIS TRAIN

Slight Accident Interrupts Journey from Washington to the Seashore Capital-Tells of His Intention to Take Trip to Africa After His Term Has Expired.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 20.—Everybody in this summer capital, as Oyster Bay may still proudly call itself, was on hand at the railway station this afternoon when the President's special came in, and Mr. Roosevelt got the warmest greeting that has ever been accorded him in years. Flags hung from every window and store front.

President Roosevelt met his fellow-townsmen half way, and was out of his car and in the midst of the crowd almost before the train stopped. Men, women, and children rushed forward to shake hands, keeping the Secret Service men busy forming the line and guarding against repeaters. There was a word and a smile for everybody and some extra expression of delight over any new young citizens who had arrived since last year.

The impromptu reception lasted for many minutes, and then the President jumped into his carriage and drove off to Sagamore Hill, where, if report may be believed, he is to receive but few visitors, and these only by special appointment through Secretary Loeb.

Many in Party. The President's party left Washington at 9:15 this morning on a special train. In the party were Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel and Quentin, Secretary of State Root, Postmaster General Meyer, the President's secretary, William Loeb, Jr.; Assistant Secretary Rudolph Forster, who replaces Assistant Secretary Latta at the summer executive offices; Secret Service Agents James Sloan, Jr., and Joseph Murphy, the President's personal guards, and the usual complement of clerks, operators, and messengers who are kept busy even in quiet summer at the executive offices over Moore's grocery store in Main street.

The run to Jersey City was made without incident. The crowd in the Pennsylvania station gave enthusiastic cheers as President Roosevelt walked down the platform to the train, where the tug Lancaster was waiting to carry him to Long Island City. Secretary Root and Postmaster General Meyer left the President at Jersey City, Secretary Root going to Clinton College at Hamilton, N. Y., and Mr. Meyer to his summer home in Massachusetts.

Often Rides on Tug. The tug Lancaster has carried the President on his many trips to Long Island City, and the other harbor captains know who is on board when they see her headed up the East River. Every captain has steam on hand for the white-tiled and Presidential Roosevelt was kept busy answering the salutes. There was a big Saturday afternoon crowd waiting at the Long Island Railroad Station, and there was considerable cheering and clapping, to which the President responded by raising his slouch hat and smiling.

The President's party stowed away on the special train at the Long Island Railroad station before 6 o'clock. Secretary Loeb gave the word to go ahead, and the train had started, when he suddenly discovered that Hermit and Archie, the President's second son, who were expected down from Croton School, at Croton, Mass., were not on board, and the train had to back up an await. It was after 4 o'clock when the boys arrived, but the delay was not without its uses, for in the interval a delayed bottle of milk caught up with William Loeb, the secretary's young son, who is one of the original Taft boomers, and when asked who is to be the next President announced, without hesitation, "Billy Taft."

Hand Car on Track. The run to Oyster Bay was interrupted between Roslyn and Seacoff by a section gang, who had placed a hand car on the single-track road just ahead of the special. The hand car was hidden by a curve, and there might have been a nasty smash had not the block signal thrown out its warning. No one knew for a moment what had happened, and it was a very white-faced trainman that ran back with the red flag, but the President never budged, and probably doesn't know yet how near his train came to making mincemeat out of that impatient hand car.

When the railroad men found out what was holding the special, the track was cleared in a jiffy. There were no further interruptions until the President was landed in the midst of his appreciative townsmen.

Secretary Loeb announced this evening that the President intended as soon as possible to free himself from the cares of office during the summer.

Taft Is Expected. Secretary Taft will make a call on the President before resigning his office on June 30 to talk over War Department affairs.

Secretary Loeb announced this afternoon that there will be a change in the inaugural ceremony at Washington next March. It has been the custom for the newly inaugurated President and his predecessor to ride together to the White House after the oath of office has been administered at the Capitol. President Roosevelt has decided to change this, and no matter whose successor may be, Mr. Roosevelt will not accompany him to the White House.

Immediately after the ceremony at the Capitol, Mr. Roosevelt will leave for Oyster Bay, where he will remain until about the 1st of April, when he starts on his hunting trip to Africa.

Kermitt, the President's second son, will accompany his father on the big hunt. No other members of the party have been decided upon.

GOES FOR HIS VACATION. President Roosevelt Leaves Washington for Oyster Bay Residence.

President Roosevelt left Washington at 9:15 o'clock yesterday morning for Oyster Bay, where he will spend the summer. The trip was made in a private car over the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The President was accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel and Quentin Roosevelt, Secretary and Mrs. Loeb, Assistant Secretary Forster, and several members of the White House clerical staff.

Assistant Secretary Latta will remain in charge of the White House offices during the President's summer sojourn at Sagamore Hill, but most of the clerical work

OVERTURNS A CUSTOM.

President Roosevelt's first act as a private citizen will be to overturn one of the time-honored inaugural customs.

Instead of returning to the White House after his accession has been inducted into office, the then plain Mr. Roosevelt will go from the Capitol to the Union Station, where a train will be waiting to take him to Oyster Bay.

This official announcement was given out by Secretary Loeb after the White House party had arrived at Oyster Bay for the summer.

It has always been the custom for the retiring President to ride in the carriage with his successor back from the Capitol to the White House after the oath of office has been administered.

TAFT MAY GO TO MULDOON'S

But if He So Plans, Brother Charles Doesn't Know It.

Reported that Candidate Will Go in Training for Campaign, and Muldoon Grows Jocular.

White Plains, N. Y., June 20.—It was reported here to-day that William H. Taft would join Secretary of State Elihu Root in a course of training at "Billy" Muldoon's sanatorium, on the outskirts of White Plains. Mr. Root is expected to arrive at the farm on Wednesday of next week.

When Muldoon was asked to-day about the report that he would have the Republican nominee for President as a patient, he laughed, and said:

"Well, maybe he will come to my place, but I don't know. I think he will first see who is nominated by the Democrats, and then I will determine what kind of training I shall give him. Should Bryan be nominated, why, then he would need only a light course of treatment, but if Johnson should be the nominee, then I think I would have to put him through a harder course of stunts."

Cincinnati, June 20.—Charles P. Taft, when told to-night of the report that his brother, the Secretary of War, was expected at Muldoon's sanatorium, at White Plains, laughed heartily.

"It's absurd," he said, "nothing in it. Did he look like he needed treatment for his health to-day?"

Mr. Taft put the latter query to the reporter, who had interviewed the Secretary in the afternoon. The Secretary then certainly seemed in bounding health and spirits, although, perhaps, a little weary.

LOEB MAY BE CHAIRMAN. Report Spread that He Will Run the Campaign.

A report was in circulation in Washington last night that William Loeb, Jr., secretary to the President, may be tendered the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee. It could not be verified in the absence of any one in authority here.

Frank H. Hitchcock's announcement that his name must not be considered in connection with the chairmanship created a good deal of surprise in Washington. It is presumed that Mr. Hitchcock has withdrawn to relieve Mr. Taft of embarrassment and leave him free to make a choice that will cause no dissension in the party.

SHERMAN TO STAY AWAY. Will Not Go Home to-day, So He Can Be Welcomed to-morrow.

Utica, N. Y., June 20.—At the request of his fellow-citizens, who are arranging a monster demonstration in his honor, Representative James S. Sherman, the Republican Vice Presidential nominee, postponed his return to his home until Monday night, in order that his friends may complete their arrangements.

Mr. Sherman had intended to return to his home to-morrow, and a telegram from his secretary received by one of his relatives nearly sent the committee that is arranging the great welcome into hysterics.

All the bands and Republican marching clubs in the city and in every district town, and hamlet in the Mohawk Valley have signified their intention of turning out.

AMERICA FOR AMERICANS. Andrew Carnegie Said to Be Immigration League Officer.

Committee Holds Session to Discuss Principles of the Junior Order of Mechanics.

New York, June 20.—The National Liberal Immigration League, which has among its officers many well-known men, including Andrew Carnegie, President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard University, and the heads of a number of public institutions, began preparations to-day to oppose any attempt when the congress meets again, to force legislation restricting immigration by restrictions placed upon it by the present laws, or interfering with the present immigration laws in any way that would change their import.

The Junior Order of American Mechanics, it was learned is vigorously preparing to have bills passed when the Congress meets, providing, among other things, that no illiterate immigrant can be admitted, and that the probationary term if citizenship be extended from five to ten years.

The Junior Order of American Mechanics is one of the results of the organization of the "Know-nothing" party, and while it does not go so far as the "Know-nothing" party, when it existed, in the slogan, "America for Americans," it seeks, besides asking for enactments continuing the policy of the government in excluding Mongolian immigrants, to go farther and have the numbers of immigrants coming from European and other countries reduced.

One of the most energetic members of the Junior Order of American Mechanics is Congressman Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, who has always upheld its declaration of principles, and has worked vigorously for it.

Representative Cox Renamed. New Albany, Ind., June 20.—William E. Cox, Representative from the Third Indiana district, was renominated by acclamation by the Democratic district convention to-day.

Ocean Steamships. New York, June 20.—Arrived, Saturday: Philadelphia, Southampton, June 13; Arable, Liverpool, June 14.

Arrived out: Baltic, at Liverpool, from New York; Caronia, at Queenstown.

Sailed from foreign ports: Campania, from Liverpool, for New York; St. Paul, from Southampton.

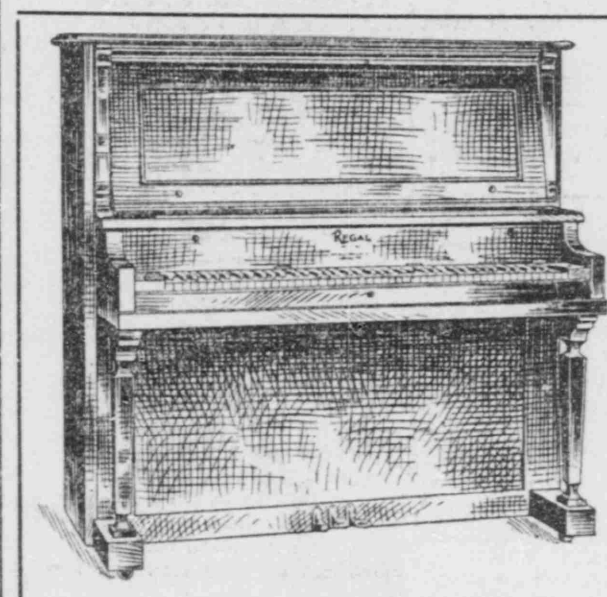
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